been able to be present in this Chamber when this vote was cast, I would have voted "yea."

TRIBUTE TO REPRESENTATIVE JASON HU

HON. ROBERT SMITH

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Tuesday, September 23, 1997

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in paying tribute to

Representative Jason Hu on his promotion to the esteemed post of Taiwan's foreign minister.

Representative Hu's promotion requires his return to Taipei and we will miss him a great deal. Representative Hu has been a tireless diplomat for Taiwan and has represented his country's interests well.

Representative Hu is constantly seeking to improve the relations between Taiwan and the United States. He is a true advocate of his country's causes. I commend President Lee

for his choice of Representative Hu as Taiwan's top diplomat.

I will miss Representative Hu's presence in Washington but I know for sure that we will have a friend in Taipei who truly understands us and the United States. I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating Representative Hu and in giving him a fond farewell.